

Appl. No. : 09/965,589
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REMARKS

In response to point 4 of the Advisory Action mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants submit the present amendment. By this amendment, claims 1-8 and 13-14 have been cancelled. Applicants intend to file a continuing application to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims. Claims 9-12 are now pending in this application. The Advisory Action indicates that claims 9-12 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendment and allowance of claims 9-12.

Applicants also wish to thank Examiner Yamnitzky for the helpful clarification of the Advisory Action which she provided in response to a voice message from Applicants' representative.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' cancellation of claims 1 and 13-14 and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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